## What You Need to Know About State Taxes While Working as a Casual!!

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## **State Tax Procedures:**

Wages are required to be reported to the state in which you are hired, this is called your "Hired At State". Therefore, a state tax record will be set up in your profile to withhold taxes for the state in which you are hired. If you submit a State Tax form indicating a different state than your Hired At State, taxes will be deducted for both states.

**Example 1:** You are hired out of an Arizona office, and then you work/live in Utah:

- Taxes will be deducted for Arizona.
- Taxes will not be deducted for Utah unless you send us a form for Utah state taxes (you may want to do this if you live in Utah).

The only time you can opt to remove your Hired At State from your profile is when there is a reciprocal agreement in place.

**Example 2:** You are hired out of a Montana office, and then you work/live in North Dakota:

 A tax record for Montana will be set up in your profile; however, because these two states have a reciprocal agreement, you may send us a form to remove Montana and add North Dakota if you would like.

You should always discuss withholding and exemption options with your tax advisor.

## Don't let this happen to you.



- It is your responsibility to make sure your profile is correct and up-to-date!
- If you are unsure of the State(s) you have elected to withhold tax, you may contact our office. Tax designations are also indicated on your Wage and Earning Statements.
- You may fax or mail forms to our office to update your profile. Forms and a list of state reciprocal agreements can be found on our website at: http://www.nifc.gov/programs/ programs\_PaymentCenter.html

## Taxes Withheld from the Wrong State?

- If you notice <u>before</u> the end of the year that taxes were withheld from an incorrect state, you may contact us to submit a tax correction form.
- If you notice <u>after</u> the end of the year, the taxes cannot be reversed. At that point you should contact a tax professional about filing tax returns for both states.

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